



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
JUNICHI SEKIYAMA, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: SHEET POST-PROCESSING DEVICE ) November 12, 2003  
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :  
HAVING THE DEVICE )

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Sir:

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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